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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title:	Hydraulic Drive Apparatus)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Office Action dated March 25, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully noted. The Applicants make the following amendments and remarks in response thereto.